

2021 Winner "Sassy" by Leslie Rodriguez-Nambo

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school art competition that each Congressional District can participate in.

The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent in our youth, reaching every corner of the United States.

This annual competition is open to all high school students, and the overall winner for each district will have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one full year.

Due to COVID-19, the Congressional Institute was unable to host in-person receptions at the Capitol in both 2020 and 2021. If an in-person reception is hosted by the Congressional Institute this year, the winner will receive complimentary airfare for the student and one adult/guardian to Washington, D.C. for the events.

Congressman Kinzinger looks forward to seeing the works of art that students of IL-16 submit for this year's competition!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, April 29th

Artwork and entry forms must be submitted to Congressman Kinzinger's Ottawa Office:

Submit a digital entry, including a photo of your artwork and the entry form, to leah.bohlmann@mail.house.gov

QUESTIONS? Contact our Ottawa Office at 815-431-9271

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

Artwork entered in the contest may be up to 26" x 26" and 4" deep (NOTE ON SIZE LIMITS – PLEASE ALLOW FOR FRAMING IF YOUR ENTRY WINS). All entries must be an original in concept, design, and execution.

The artwork medium may include the following:

- **DRAWINGS**: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers
- MIXED MEDIA
- PAINTINGS: oil, acrylics, and watercolor, etc.
- COLLAGE: must be two dimensional
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PRINTS: lithographs, silkscreen, and block prints
- COMPUTER-GENERATED ART

